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SUBJ: CAPABILITY OF CERTAIN ISRAELI CONSTRUCTION FIRMS

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1. KOOR METALS LTD IS A DIVISION OF KOOR INDUSTRIES, THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE IN ISRAEL, COVERING 23,000 EMPLOYEES IN 50 PLANTS, WITH APPROXIMATELY \$700,000,000 ANNUAL SALES. KOOR INDUSTRIES HEADED BY GENERAL MEIR AMIT, FORMER HEAD OF ISRAELI INTELLIGENCE. KOOR METAL WORKS LTD. HAS WOK FORCE OF 3,000 IN 14 KOOR PLANTS, AND HAS BEEN AWARDED VARIOUS COMPETITIVE CONSTRUCTION AND TURNKEY PROJECTS WORLDWIDE. FIRM ENJOYS HIGH REPUTATION IN ISRAEL. ONE PLANT USES BUTLER DESIGNED MACHINERY TO FABRICATE BUILDINGS AND HAS EXCELLENT CAPACITY FOR THIS PROJECT. KOOR MANAGEMENT ADVISES THAT ALL INFO REGARDING THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MAJOR-GENERAL CHARLES THOMSON HORNER OF BDM CO., VIENNA, VIRGINIA AND CAVELL CO., DALLAS, TEXAS. THE TIME SCHEDULE AGREED TO WAS AS FOLLOWS: WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF CONTRACT, KOOR WOULD RENT TEN PRE-FAB BUILDINGS MADE FROM CEMENT. THE TEN PRE-FAB CONCRETE BUILDINGS WOULD ACCOMMODATE 3-4 MEN EACH. ADDITIONALLY, THE IDF HAS AGREED TO LOAN SIX LARGE TENTS ACCOMMODATING 25 MEN EACH. THE DETAILED DESIGNS WOULD BE FABRICATED, CONCRETE BASES LAID, ERECTED AND UTILITIES INSTALLED FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT BY JULY, 1976. THERE ARE NO BUILDINGS ON INVENTORY BUT KOOR MANAGEMENT CAN FABRICATE 75 PERCENT OF THE BUILDINGS IN ISRAEL AND IMPORT THE OTHER 25 PERCENT FROM THE U.S.

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2. MINMETAL MANUFACTURES PRE-FAB BUILDINGS UNDER LICENSE FROM PANELFAB INTERNATIONAL CORP., 1600 N.W. LEJEUNE ROAD, MIAMI, FLA. 33146, TELEX 051-2494, TELEPHONE (305) 871-2100. MR. MILTON FISHER, PRESIDENT, PANELFAB, CAN SUPPLY REFERENCES ON MINMETAL. MR. A. GATTMON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, MINMETAL, STATES THAT 30,000 SQUARE METERS OF PRE-FABS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED FOR IDF IN SINAI. PRESENTLY THEY HAVE 80 EMPLOYEES DOING CONSTRUCTION THERE. MR. GUR-EL, HEAD OF IDF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION DETP., WAS NAMED AS ANOTHER REFERENCE. MR. GATTMON STATES THAT PRE-FABS CAN EITHER BE CONSTRUCTED LOCALLY OR IMPORTED. THE LATTER FROM PANELFAB INTERNATIONAL. DELIVERY DEPENDS LARGELY UPON TYPE, SIZE OF BUILDINGS. D&B REPORT (BY TELEPHONE) REVEALS THAT MINMETAL IS EXPANDING, FINANCES GOOD, AND BANK REFERENCE GOOD. THIS WOULD BE A COMPLETE TURNKEY OPERATION AND THE DESIGNS FROM PANELFAB CORP ARE VERY COMPLETE AND WOULD MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS. THIS IS A SMALLER FIRM BUT COULD CONSTRUCT THE REQUIRED BUILDINGS BY IMPORTING U.S. MADE COMPONENTS.

3. MR. RECHTER WAS ORIGINALLY SUSPECTED OF VARIOUS ECONOMIC OFFENSES CONNECTED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIT BANK IN GENEVA INCLUDING OFFENSES AGAINST DEFENSE FINANCE REGULATIONS. A POLICE INVESTIGATION TOOK PLACE, BUT THE POLICE MADE NO SPECIFIC CHARGES AGAINST HIM. THE POLICE BROUGHT A REQUEST FOR RELEASE ON BAIL TO THE MAGISTRATE COURT AND HE HAS BEEN PLACED ON BAIL ACCORDINGLY. RECENTLY RECHTER APPLIED TO THE COURT TO SET THE ORDER OF BAIL ASIDE AND HIS APPLICATION WAS APPROVED AND THE POLICE DID NOT OBJECT. NO SUMMON HAS BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST HIM UP TO THIS DATE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, RECOMMEND EFFORT BE MADE TO FIND OTHER CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION.  
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